17	Hardoi	18	Jalaun	19	Jaunpur	20	Kasuhambi
21	Kushinagar	22	Lakhimpur Kheri	23	Lalitpur	24	Maharajganj
25	Mahoba	26	Mirzapur	27	Pratapgarh	28	Raebareli
29	Sant Kabir Nagar			30	Shravasti	31	Siddharthanagar
32	Sitapur	33	Sonebhadra	34	Unnao		

Uttaranchal

1	Chamoli	2	Champawat	3	Tehri Garhwal

West Bengal

1	Bankura	2	Birbhum	3	Dakshin Dinajpur	4	Jalpaiguri
5	Malda	6	Midnapur East	7	Midnapur West	8	Murshidabad
9	Purulia	10	South 24 Parganas	11	Uttar Dinajpur		

Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan

2481. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Goa;

(b) if so, the objective of the programme;

(c) the targets proposed to be achieved; and

(d) the details of essential features of the campaign including pattern of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The objective of the Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan is to synergise the energy of the youth through the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

and the Panchayati Raj Institutions for development and democracy at grassroots.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and State Governments have launched this nation-wide campaign to involve young people in development and democracy at grassroots. The campaign is conceived, run and owned by the youth in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the Youth Clubs affiliated to the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The campaign focuses on developing a synergy between the Gram Panchayats and the Youth Clubs in addressing social issues in the villages.

So far, three State level campaigns have been launched in Punjab, Haryana and Manipur. The State level launch is followed by campaigns at the Division and District level and finally at Village level to be spearheaded by the Young Panchayat leaders themselves with the active assistance of Youth Club Members.

The launch in Goa is at an advanced stage of planning and preparation and is expected to be launched soon after the forthcoming elections in Goa.

Assistance to backward districts under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana

2482. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a new scheme to provide assistance/grants to backward districts of the country on the lines of the existing Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including the allocation of funds to the States;

(c) whether the State Governments of Bihar and Maharashtra have requested for inclusion of more districts; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme